

NOTICE: ANNOUNCEMENT OF AVAILABILITY OF DRAFT PERMIT

PERMIT NO.: ST 5322

APPLICANT: McCain Foods USA, Inc.
100 Lee Street
Othello, WA 99344

FACILITY: McCain Foods USA, Inc. Processing Plant

McCain Foods USA, Inc. has applied for the renewal of their State Waste Discharge permit in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 90.48 Revised Code of Washington (RCW) and Chapter 173-216 Washington Administrative Code (WAC).

McCain Foods owns and operates a year around potato processing facility in Othello (Adams Co.) which is located within the federal Columbia Basin Irrigation Project. The facility produces approximately 500 million pounds of French Fries and formed potato products annually. Process wastewater is pretreated to remove solids and is pumped approximately eleven miles to a storage pond/sprayfield system. Final treatment is via center pivot spray irrigation onto approximately 9200 acres that is owned and managed by the Warden Hutterian Brethren. The average monthly wastewater flow from the processing facility is approximately two million gallons per day.

Following the evaluation of the application and other available information, a draft permit has been developed which would allow the discharge of treated industrial wastewater from the facility to land via center pivot irrigation.

A tentative determination has been made on the effluent limitations and special permit conditions that will prevent and control pollution. A final determination will not be made until all timely comments received in response to this notice have been evaluated.

PUBLIC COMMENT AND INFORMATION

The draft permit and fact sheet may be viewed at the Department of Ecology (Department) website: http://www.ecy.wa.gov/programs/wq/permits/eastern_permits.html. The application, fact sheet, proposed permit, and other related documents are also available at the Department's Eastern Regional Office for inspection and copying between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., weekdays. To obtain a copy or to arrange to view copies please call the permit coordinator at (509) 329-3537, e-mail cywa461@ecy.wa.gov, or write to the address below.

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments regarding the proposed permit. All comments must be submitted within 30 days after publication of this notice to be considered for the final determination. Comments should be sent to:

Water Quality Permit Coordinator
Department of Ecology
N. 4601 Monroe
Spokane, WA 99205

Any interested party may request a public hearing on the proposed permit within 30 days of the publication date of this notice. The request for a hearing shall state the interest of the party and the reasons why a hearing is necessary. The request should be sent to the above address. The Department will hold a hearing if it determines that there is significant public interest. If a hearing is to be held, public notice will be published at least 30 days in advance of the hearing date. Any party responding to this notice with comments will be mailed a copy of a hearing public notice.

Please bring this public notice to the attention of persons who you know would be interested in this matter. Ecology is an equal opportunity agency. If you need this publication in an alternate format, please contact us at (509) 329-3537 or TTY (for the speech and hearing impaired) at 711 or 1-800-833-6388.

